

THE BOMBAY PLEADERS ACT, 1920.

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BOMBAY ACT No. XVII OF 1920.¹

[THE BOMBAY PLEADERS ACT, 1920.]

[13th December 1920]

Repealed in part by Act 21 of 1926 ;

" " " " " 22 of 1926.

Amended by Bom. 11 of 1928 ;

" " " 6 of 1929 ;

" " " 18 of 1931.

Adapted and modified by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

Amended by Bom. 17 of 1945.*

" " " 53 of 1949.

Adapted and modified by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

Amended by Bom. 33 of 1954.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to pleaders in the Presidency of Bombay.

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to pleaders in the presidency of Bombay ; and whereas the previous sanction of the Governor General required by section 79, sub-section (2), of the Government of India Act, 1915, has been obtained for the passing of this Act; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.

Short title
and extent.

(2) It extends to the whole of the Presidency of Bombay 2* * 3* *

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.

(1) " the High Court " means the High Court of Judicature at Bombay ;

(2) " court subordinate to the High Court " means any court, tribunal, or person whose decree, order, decision or award is, or may hereafter be, subject to the appellate or revisional jurisdiction of the High Court ;

(3) " pleader " means a pleader admitted under this or any previous Act, and includes an attorney of the High Court appearing, pleading or acting for a client, elsewhere than in ⁴[the Greater Bombay], but nothing in sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 27 or 30, shall apply to an attorney of the High Court ;

(4) " district " means the local limits of the jurisdiction of a principal civil court of original jurisdiction other than the High Court ;

¹ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Bombay Government Gazette*, 1920, Part V, page 420 ; for Report of Select Committee, see *ibid*, 1920, Part V, page 794 (a) ; and for Proceedings in Council, see 1920, Part V, pages 671 and 971.

² The words " except Sind " were omitted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

³ The words " and Aden " were omitted by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

⁴ These words were substituted for the original by Bom. 17 of 1945, s. 9, Sch. E, read with Bom. 52 of 1947, s. 2 proviso.

* This Act has been repealed and re-enacted and the amendments made by section 9, Sch. E of the said Act have been continued in force by Bom. 52 of 1947, s. 2.

(5) "the Letters Patent" means the Amended Letters Patent of the High Court of Judicature for the presidency of Bombay, dated the 28th December 1865 subject to any amendments thereto and alterations therein made or hereinafter to be made pursuant to clause 44 thereof or section 106(1A) of the Government of India Act;

(6) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

Classes of
pleaders.

3. Pleaders admitted by the High Court under this Act shall be of two classes, namely, vakils of the High Court and district pleaders

Sanads.

4. (1) The High Court shall issue to every pleader on his admission a sanad in form A or form B in Schedule II, as the case may be, or in such other form as the High Court may prescribe.

(2) In the case of the sanad of a district pleader, the name of the district¹[or districts] for which the sanad is available shall be specified therein.

Extent and
transfer of
sanads.

5. (1) No district pleader shall hold a sanad in respect of more than one district at the same time :

²[Provided that when a district for which a sanad is to be issued comprises any area which for the purposes of administration of revenue or criminal justice or both is also included in any other district the sanad may be held in respect of both such districts.]

(2) On the application of a district pleader holding a sanad which is available for any ³* district the High Court may from time to time, by endorsement on such sanad, render the same available for any other district.

(3) A pleader holding a sanad in respect of any district may appear, plead and act for a client in any particular civil proceeding in a Court of any other district with the previous written authority of the District Judge in such other district.

Conditions
of admission.

6. (1) Any person who is duly qualified and is of good moral character and is not in Government service shall be entitled to be admitted as a pleader.

(2) The number of pleaders shall not be limited.

(3) If a pleader after obtaining a sanad accepts Government service, he shall not be entitled to practise whilst in service, even if he be on leave.

Where
vakils of
High Court
are entitled
to practise.

7. (1) Subject to the provisions of any law for the time being in force and, with respect to the right of vakils of the High Court to practise in the High Court, subject to any rules for the time being in force under clause 10 of the Letters Patent, a vakil of the High Court shall be entitled to practise—

(a) in the High Court ;

(b) in any court subordinate to the High Court ;

¹The words " or districts " were inserted by Bom. 6 of 1929, s. 2.

²This proviso was inserted, *ibid*, s. 3 (1).

³The word " one " was deleted, *ibid*, s. 3 (2).

Bom.
IV of
1898.

(c) before the tribunal of appeal constituted under the ¹City of Bombay Improvement Act, 1898 ;

(d) in or before any other court, tribunal or person in or before which or whom vakils of the High Court are or may hereafter be entitled by law to practise ; and

(e) before any public officers in any of the following proceedings :—

Bom.
III of
1874.

an investigation held in accordance with the first paragraph of section 73 and on appeal under section 77 of the Bombay Hereditary Offices Act ;

Bom.
V of
1879.

proceedings under section 87 of the Bombay Land Revenue Code, 1879 ;

Bom.
I of
1915.

proceedings before a Tribunal of Arbitration under the Bombay Town Planning Act, 1915 ;

such proceedings under any enactment in force in the Bombay Presidency as the ²[Provincial Government], by notification in the ³[Official Gazette] may specify.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to attorneys of the High Court.

8. Subject to the provisions of any law for the time being in force, district pleader shall, within the district ⁴[or districts] in respect of which he holds a sanad, be entitled to practise—

Where district pleaders are entitled to practise.

(a) in such civil court or courts as the District Judge may from time to time assign to him ;

(b) in any criminal Court ;

(c) in or before any other court, tribunal or person in or before which or whom district pleaders are or may hereafter be entitled by law to practise ; and

(d) before any public officer in any of the following proceedings :—

Bom.
III of
1874.

an investigation held in accordance with the first paragraph of section 73 and an appeal under section 77 of the Bombay Hereditary Offices Act ;

Bom.
V of
1879.

proceedings under section 87 of the Bombay Land Revenue Code, 1879 ;

Bom.
I of
1915.

proceedings before a Tribunal of Arbitration under the Bombay Town Planning Act, 1915 ;

¹ This Act has been repealed by Bom. 16 of 1925 which also has been repealed by Bom. 13 of 1933.

² The words " Provincial Government " were substituted for the words " local Government " by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

³ The words " Official Gazette " were substituted for the words " Bombay Government Gazette," *ibid.*

⁴ The words " or districts " were inserted by Bom. 6 of 1929, s. 4.

such proceedings under any enactment in force in the Bombay Presidency as the ¹[Provincial Government] by notification in the ²[Official Gazette], may specify.

Appearance
in civil court
by unautho-
rized person
forbidden.

9. No person shall appear, plead or act for any party in any civil proceeding in any court unless he is a pleader as defined in this Act and is entitled and duly empowered to appear, plead and act for such party in such proceeding :

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply—

(a) to any party appearing, pleading or acting on his own behalf, or appearing or acting by his recognized agent as defined in rule 2, Order III of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, or V of 1908.

(b) to any advocate of the High Court.

10. [*Cases in which vakalatnama is required.*] Repealed by Act 22 of 1926, s. 3.

Retaining
fee.

11. (1) A party engaging a pleader shall pay him a retaining fee of an amount not less than one rupee.

(2) Where a party fails so to do, the pleader shall demand such fee and shall not perform any services for such party until the fee has been paid.

(3) Every pleader receiving such fee ³[shall, at the time when such fee is received by him, give] a receipt in writing for the same, specifying the date of receipt.

Pleader not
to act for
party adverse
to his client,
and not to
refuse to act
for his client
without the
permission of
the Court.

12. No pleader after accepting a retaining fee shall without the permission of the Court—

(a) appear, plead or act, or agree so to do, on behalf of any other party whose interest in the case is adverse to that of his client, or

(b) refuse or omit to appear, plead or act for his client.

Receipt to
be given for
documents.

13. Every pleader receiving a document of any kind from his client shall—

(a) on demand give a receipt in writing for such document at the time when he receives it, and

(b) subject to the provisions of section 30 return such document if his client requires the same and gives a receipt in writing therefor.

Pleaders
bound to
attend on day
fixed for
proceeding
except in
certain cases.

14. (1) A pleader shall be bound to attend in court on any day which, by notice duly given or in accordance with the practice of the court, is fixed for the hearing of a proceeding in which he is employed.

¹ The words "Provincial Government" were substituted for the words "local Government" by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

² The words "Official Gazette" were substituted for the words "Bombay Government Gazette", *ibid.*

³ These words were substituted for the words "shall give" by Bom. 53 of 1949, s. 3, Second Schedule.

(2) Where a pleader employed in any such proceeding is, from indisposition or any other reasonable cause, unable to attend on such day or at the time when the proceeding is called on, he shall notify the same to the court and thereupon the proceeding shall be stayed for such time as the court may deem reasonable :

Provided that in proceedings in which a party is represented by more than one pleader and one of such pleaders is present, the court may proceed therewith.

(3) In any proceeding in which a pleader ceases, temporarily or permanently, to act for his client, because he has accepted Government service, or has been permitted to withdraw from the proceeding, or has been suspended or dismissed, or has died, or for any other reason, the proceeding shall be stayed for such time as the court may deem reasonable.

15. No pleader shall tender, give, retain or consent to retain any gratification for procuring or having procured the employment of himself or of any other pleader in any legal business. Pleaders not to give or take commission.

16. No pleader shall—

V of
1908.

(a) take instructions in any proceeding except from the party on whose behalf he is retained or from some person who is within the meaning of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the recognized agent of such party, or from some person authorised by such party to give such instruction, or Pleaders not to take instructions except from client or authorized agent, or accept employment through a tout.

(b) accept any employment in any legal business through a person who has been proclaimed as a tout.

17. [*Fee may be settled by private agreement.*] Repealed by Act 21 of 1926, s. 6.

18. (1) Where costs are awarded to a party in any proceeding, the amount of the pleaders' fee to be taxed in the bill of costs as recoverable by such party, if represented by a pleader, from his adversary, shall be computed in accordance with the rules in Schedule III unless such fee has been settled under the provisions of section 1³ of the Legal Practitioners (Fees) Act, 1926 for a lesser amount in which case no more than such lesser amount shall be recoverable. Computation of taxed fee.

(2) Nothing contained in sub-section (1) of this section or in section 20 shall apply to fees payable to pleaders in the Court of Small Causes of Bombay.

19. [*Amount payable by client to pleader.*] Repealed by Act 21 of 1926, s. 6.

20. (1) Where a party has, before the first hearing of a proceeding, engaged more than one pleader, the fees of two pleaders may be taxed in the bill of costs in the following cases :— When fees of two pleaders may be taxed.

(a) in any original suit, of which the amount or value of the subject-matter exceeds Rs. ²[10,000], in any court subordinate to the High Court ;

(b) in any contested proceeding under the ³Indian Succession Act, 1865, the ²Probate and Administration Act, 1881, or the ⁴Land Acquisition Act, 1894, of which the amount or value of the subject-matter exceeds ²[Rs. 10,000, in any court subordinate to the High Court ;

X of
1865.
V of
1881.
I of
1894.

¹ These words and figures were substituted for the figures "17" by Bom. 11 of 1928, s. 2, First Schedule.

² These figures were substituted for the figures "5,000" by Bom. 33 of 1954, s. 2 (1).

³ See now the Indian Succession Act, 1925.

⁴ Central Acts.

(c) in any appeal to the High Court, from a decree deciding on the merits any suit or any contested proceeding of the kind referred to in clause (a) or clause (b);

(d) in any suit of which the amount or value of the subject-matter ¹[is Rs. 10,000 or less] where the court certifies by order in writing that the fees of two pleaders may be taxed:

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect suits or appeals by paupers, or suits or appeals governed by the Dekkhan Agriculturists Relief Act, 1879. Bom. XVII of 1879.

(2) Except in the cases specified in this section, a party employing more than one pleader shall not be entitled to recover from his adversary more than one set of pleader's fees.

Cases where there are several parties having the same interest or putting forward the same defence.

21. Where in any proceeding there are several parties having the same interests or putting forward the same defence they shall not, if awarded costs, be allowed more than one set of pleaders' fees on party and party taxation unless the Court otherwise directs.

Taxation of cost in appeals to High Court.

22. In any civil appeal or application to the High Court from the decree or order of a court, subordinate to the High Court, if costs between party and party are awarded by the High Court, such costs shall be taxed by an officer of the High Court and included in the bill of costs attached to the decree or order of that Court in the prescribed manner.

Taxation of costs in mofussil courts.

23. In any court subordinate to the High Court situate elsewhere than in ²[the Greater Bombay], the amount of the pleader's fee to be taxed in the bill of costs attached to the decree or order of that Court shall not be in excess of the amount computed in accordance with the rules in Schedule III:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to bills of costs framed under ^{VII of 1913.} the provisions of the ³Indian Companies Act, 1913.

Suspension or removal of pleader by High Court on conviction of criminal offence.

24. The High Court may suspend or remove from practice a pleader who has been convicted by any criminal court in ⁴India of a criminal offence implying a defect in his character which in the opinion of the High Court renders him unfit to be pleader.

Punishment of pleader by High Court for improper conduct.

25. On the application of the Government Pleader in the High Court, or on a report from a District Court or Court of Session, or from the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Bombay, or from the Chief Presidency Magistrate for Bombay, or otherwise, the High Court may suspend or remove from practice, or may fine or reprimand, a pleader on reasonable cause.

Powers of District Court or Court of Session in respect of improper conduct of pleader.

26. Where in appears to a District Court or Court of Session or to the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes of Bombay, or to the Chief Presidency Magistrate for Bombay, that a pleader has been guilty of neglect of duty or of a violation of any of the provisions of this Act or of any other improper conduct, such court may hold an inquiry regarding such conduct and report the result of such inquiry to the High Court.

¹ These words were substituted for the original by Bom. 33 of 1954, s. 2 (2).

² These words were substituted for the original by Bom. 17 of 1945, s. 9, Sch. E, read with Bom. 52 of 1947, s. 2, proviso.

³ Central Acts.

⁴ The word "British" was omitted by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

27. (1) Where any case under section 24, section 25 or section 26 is heard by the High Court, the Advocate General or such counsel or pleader as may appear for the Crown shall argue the case against the pleader against whom the allegation is made, and such pleader may appear in person or by counsel or pleader. Conduct of case in High Court against pleader.

(2) In any such case the High Court may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.

28. [Legal proceedings against pleaders not affected.] Repealed by Act 21 of 1926, s. 6.

29. A pleader whose bill of cost has been taxed may apply to the Court by which or by whose officer the same has been taxed, for an order against his client for the sum allowed on taxation or such sum as may remain due. The Court may make such order or may refer the pleader to a suit. Recovery of taxed fees.

V of 1908. Any such order may be executed under order 21 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, as a decree for money.

30. In every matter in which costs are due to a pleader by his client which have been or are capable of being taxed the pleader shall as against his client be entitled to a lien for the amount of such costs, as taxed, upon—

(a) all documents come into his possession in the course of his engagement in connection with such matter, and for which he has given a receipt in accordance with the provisions of section 13 (a) and

(b) all movable property recovered or preserved by his exertions in such matter.

31. (1) The High Court may make rules consistent with the provisions of this Act— Rules.

(a) prescribing the qualifications and mode of admission of pleaders and the fees payable for admission ;

(b) prescribing the fees payable in respect of examinations (if any) held for the office of pleader ;

(c) regulating, and providing for the recognition of, bar associations and for granting sanction to the rules of such associations ;

(d) requiring that a pleader shall be a member of, and submit to the rules of, a bar association ;

(e) requiring that a pleader shall be a member of, and subscribe to, the law library attached to the principal Court in which he practises ;

(f) providing for the taxation of costs between party and party ;

(g) providing for the allowance and taxation of costs between pleader and client whether in litigious or non-litigious business ;

(h) prescribing, in lieu of the forms in Schedule II, the form of sanad to be given to pleaders and the form of vakalatnamas ;

(i) prescribing, in lieu of or in addition to the rules in Schedule III, the manner in which the pleader's fee shall be computed, and the amount of the pleader's fee, and determining the amount or value of the subject matter in particular classes of cases or in cases generally, for the purpose of calculating the pleader's fee ;

(j) prescribing the manner in which costs in appeals or applications to the High Court from decrees or orders of courts subordinate to the High Court shall be taxed, in cases where costs between party and party are awarded by the High Court ;

(k) fixing the scale of costs which may be awarded in cases under sub-section (2) of section 27 ;

(l) generally, to give effect to such provisions of this Act as may require to be provided for by rules.

(2) Where the High Court prescribes any new forms in lieu of the forms in Schedule II, or makes any new rules in lieu of or in addition to the rules in Schedule III, such new forms or rules respectively shall on publication be deemed to be enacted in such Schedule in lieu of or in addition to the forms or rules now therein enacted.

(3) All rules made under this Act shall be published in the ¹[*Official Gazette*] and shall thereupon have effect as if enacted in this Act.

Savings.

32. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to limit or otherwise affect the powers conferred upon the High Court by sections 106 and 107 of the Government of ^{5 & 6,} India Act, 1915, or by clauses 9 and 10 of the Letters Patent or by any law for the ^{Geo. 5,} time being in force. c. 61.

Pending cases.

33. Nothing in this Act regarding the appointment, appearance or remuneration of pleaders or the taxation of costs shall apply in respect of any proceedings pending in any court at the commencement of this Act, and all such proceedings, until their final disposal by the court in which they are pending, shall be governed, in respect of such matters, by the laws and rules in force immediately before the commencement of this Act.

Repeal.

34. The enactments mentioned in Schedule I are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column thereof.

SCHEDULE I.

(See section 34.)

No. and date of enactment.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
Bombay Regulation II of 1827.	A Regulation for defining the constitution of the Courts of Civil Justice and the Powers and Duties of the Judges and Officers thereof.	So much as has not already been repealed, excepting the part of section 21 which prohibits interference of the civil courts in caste questions.
Act I of 1846	.. An Act for amending the law regarding the appointment and remuneration of Pleaders in the Courts of the East India Company.	The whole, excepting section 5.
Act XX of 1853	... An Act to amend the law relating to Pleaders in the Courts of the East India Company.	Section 2.

¹ The words "*Official Gazette*" were substituted for the words "*Bombay Government Gazette*" by the Adaptation of Indian Laws Order in Council.

SCHEDULE II.

FORM A.

Sanad for a Vakil of the High Court.

(Clause 10 of the Amended Letters Patent and section 4 of the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.)

In ¹[the High Court] of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay.

Bombay,

19 .

To

In conformity with the Rules made under the provisions of clause 10 of the Amended Letters Patent constituting the High Court of Judicature at Bombay and published under the date _____ and in conformity with the provisions of the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920, you _____ are hereby approved, admitted and enrolled as a Vakil of the said High Court and you will not be liable to be removed or suspended from practice, except for reasonable cause.

By order of ¹[the High Court]
of Judicature at Bombay,



Deputy Registrar.

Sealer.

The

day of

19 .

FORM B.

Sanad for a District Pleader.

(Section 4 of the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920.)

In ¹[the High Court] of Judicature, Appellate Side, Bombay.

Bombay,

19 .

To

In conformity with the provisions of the Bombay Pleaders Act, 1920, you _____ are hereby appointed to the office of District Pleader in the district of _____

¹ These words were substituted for the words "His Majesty's High Court" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

Provided that the amount may at the discretion of the Court be calculated on the amount or value of the claim for the purposes of jurisdiction when the Court is of opinion, having regard to the labour involved in the preparation of the case or to the complexity of the issues arising therein, that the higher rate of valuation is appropriate.]

II.—¹[Subject to the provisions of rule VI]—

- (a) in appeals from orders,
 - (b) in civil applications or proceedings other than applications and proceedings necessary for the progress of a suit or appeal and other than applications proceedings or appeals falling under rules I, IV and V, and
 - (c) in all other cases not otherwise provided for,
- the amount of the pleader's fee to be allowed shall be one fourth of that payable according to the rates specified in rule I.

III.—¹[Subject to the provisions of rule VI] the fee prescribed in rules I and II shall be taken to be the remuneration for the pleader's services until the final decree or order in the suit, appeal, application, reference or proceeding, is passed.

IV.—²[Subject to the provisions of rule VI, the pleader's fees to be allowed in execution proceedings] be one-fourth of the fee calculated at the rates specified in rule I on the amount or value of the relief or money claimed in the application to execute the decree. ³[Such fee shall be chargeable on the first application and on every subsequent contested application.]

V.—¹[Subject to the provisions of rule VI]—

V of
1908.

- (a) in any reference made to the High Court under section 113 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908,
- (b) in any application to the High Court under section 115 of the said Code,
- (c) in any application to the High Court under section 25 of the Provincial Small Causes Courts Act, 1887,
- (d) in any application for the exercise of the High Court's Extraordinary jurisdiction in civil matters,
- (e) in all applications or appeals under
 - (i) the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890,
 - ⁴(ii) Part X of the Indian Succession Act, 1925,
 - ⁴(iii) Part VII of the Indian Succession Act, 1925,
 - (iv) the Indian Trusts Act, 1882,
 - (v) the Provincial Insolvency Act, ⁵[1920],
 - (vi) any other special or local Act,

a sum of Rs. 30 shall be allowed as the pleader's fee.

⁶[VI.—In all suits, appeals, applications or proceedings in which a commission is issued under the provisions of section 75 of the Civil Procedure Code the pleader's fee shall consist of—

- (a) an amount computed in accordance with whichever of rules I to V would be applicable to the suit, appeal, application or proceeding but for the issue of the commission.

¹ The words "Subject to the provisions of rule VI" were inserted by Bombay H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2036, dated 30th August 1935.

² These words were substituted for the words "In execution proceedings the pleader's fee to be allowed shall", *ibid.*

³ These words were inserted by Bombay H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2124, dated 28th April 1925.

⁴ Sub-clauses (ii) and (iii) were substituted for the original sub-clauses by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2539, dated 23rd December 1932.

⁵ The figures "1920" were substituted for the figures "1907", *ibid.*

⁶ Rule VI was inserted by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2036, dated 30th August 1935.

(b) and such fees not exceeding Rs. 20 per day for appearing before the Commissioner as the Court may in its discretion allow :

Provided

(i) that no fees shall be allowed for appearing before a Commissioner if the Court when issuing the commission certifies that the presence of a pleader before the Commissioner is not necessary.

(ii) and provided further that no fees shall be allowed for appearing before a Commissioner in the town or village which is the headquarters of the Court issuing the Commission.]

¹VII.—In no case, whether specially provided for in this Schedule or otherwise, shall the pleader's fee payable in any civil suit, appeal, application or proceeding other than execution proceedings be less than—

(a) Rs. 30 in the High Court,

(b) Rs. 15 in a District Court,

(c) Rs. 15 in the Court of a Subordinate Judge subject to the provisions of clause (d) and the proviso below,

(d) Rs. 5 in the Court of a Subordinate Judge, in suits of the nature cognizable by a Court of Small Causes, or in the Court of a Jagirdar or Inamdar exercising jurisdiction under Bombay Regulation XIII of 1830 and Act XV of 1840, or in the Court of a Mamlatdar under the Mamlatdar's Courts Act, 1906 :

Provided that suits by a superior holder for the recovery of his dues in the Court of a Subordinate Judge shall be governed by clause (d) and not by clause (c), unless in the opinion of the Court the suit involves questions of a complicated nature affecting title to land :

²[Provided further that if a Commission is issued under the provisions of section 75, Civil Procedure Code, in the suit, appeal, application or proceeding, in calculating for the purposes of this rule the pleader's fee payable in such suit, appeal, application or proceeding, the fees payable under the provisions of rule VI, clause (b), shall be excluded.]

³[VIII.—A surcharge of 25 per cent. shall be allowed on the fees prescribed hereinabove :

Provided that in suits and proceedings referred to in clauses (a) and (b) of subsection (I) of section 20 of the Act no such surcharge shall be allowed except when only one pleader is engaged.]

¹ Rule VI which was substituted for the original by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 311, dated 26th January 1929, was renumbered as rule VII by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2036, dated 30th August 1935.

² This proviso to rule VII was inserted by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. 2036, dated 30th August 1935.

³ Rule VIII was added by H. Ct. (A.S.) Notification No. P. 412/51 (II), dated 24th April 1953, with effect from 1st June 1953.